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From: Captain Joseph B. Begala, USMC, Former Battalion Linguist
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To: United States Embassy, Kabul
United States Department of State
Subj: LETTER OF APPRECIATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR CHIEF OF MISSION
APPROVAL THE SPECIAL IMMIGRANT VISA IN CASE OF LINGUIST
MOHAMMED DAWOOD, TAZKERA NO# 1294847, AFG NO# 17128

1. This letter is being written for Mr. Mohammed Dawood in recognition of his dedicated, flexible, and timely service in support of 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment while conducting combat operations in the Marjah, Upper Sangin Valley and Kajaki Districts of Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

2. Mr. Dawood has my highest recommendation for Chief of Mission approval for the Special Immigration Visa. I supervised Mr. Dawood in his position as a linguist in the fall of 2011 in his work location in the Marjah, Upper Sangin Valley and Kajaki Districts of Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

3. Mr. Dawood has participated in countless combat patrols all while under the threat of Improvised Explosive Devices, suicide bombers, and direct fire attacks. He also participated in active clearing operations (Operation EASTERN STORM) that pushed Taliban fighters from the Kajaki Sofla area.

4. Mr. Dawood is under constant threat from the Taliban. If the Taliban are able to find him, they will kill him for his support of the US Armed Forces in Afghanistan.

5. There is no evidence that I know of that Mr. Dawood presents a threat to the United States of America. Throughout his work with 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, he has been an ally filling a critical skill specialty.

6. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at joseph.begala@usmc.mil or call at 703-784-9342.

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